

Both body and Baal conspire
Seducing the heart to retire.

Time heals all wounds, they say
But doubt turns time into fire
And time fans the flames of desire
In turn burning bright burning higher.

Hell has no place in my vision
And death shall end the decider.
I'm changing churches like channels
While drowning in doubt's recliner.

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Katina Michael (Vlahos) was born in 1976 in Sydney. She completed her schooling at Tempe Primary and St Spyridon College. In 1993 she was the school Captain and Dux of her year, and also won the school's Literary Award which was judged by Gerard Murnane. In 1995, while completing her undergraduate studies in Information Technology, Katina received the *Australian Anthology of New Poets* award by White-Wood. Katina is presently Associate Professor at the University of Wollongong, where she has supervised to completion 25 research students. She is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and board member of the Australian Privacy Foundation (APF). She has completed a Bachelor of Information Technology degree, a PhD in Information and Communication Technology, and more recently graduated from a Master of Transnational Crime Prevention in the Faculty of Law at the University of Wollongong.

DNA

“I’m sorry Sir,
Our records indicate
That you will suffer
The scourge of a gene
Deficiency
By the age of 33 years
And 3 months and 3 days –
You are *not* insurable
Because your disease is
Incurable.”

Outcast,
Degenerate –
Designer baby
Devastated
No wife
No kids
No job
No name
N O T H I N G!
Just a DNA sample.

SecurePriv 1.0

Privacy is like a loyalty card scheme
That can tell you about your buying behaviour
Your credit debt profile
And the category of society you belong to for the time being.
It is fly-buys and *American Express* bonus points
And cut-out tokens from *Campbell's* soup tins
That can put you in a draw to win a holiday.
It's like your name
And your street address and your telephone number
Listed in the state electoral roll,
On *Telstra Whitepages* online
And on the free *People Search* application on the World Wide Web.
Privacy is like emailing a friend from your work account
And listening to your voicemail remotely
And making a private personalised greeting
Using your company-sponsored 3G mobile phone.
It's like using a GPS receiver and caller ID display,
And traversing the Harbour Bridge tunnel with your e-tag
And like using SMS when voting for your favourite *Australian Idol*.

Security is like a PIN recorded on the front cover of your diary
And like a password that is easy to remember
Like your last name or the name of your dog or cat
Or your fingerprints, your voice, or ePassport
Meant to give you some type of authorised access.
Security is the surveillance camera on *George St*
Used to uphold peace and record citizen unrest
Like the pictures taken on *Google's Streetview*.
It's like the information you enter on *hotmail*
On *Facebook*, on *LinkedIn*, on your own *MySpace*
When you create an alias account on *YouTube* –
And like your mother's maiden name which you enter on *Amazon*
And your date-of-birth which you replay when you ring a call centre.

It's your *Tax File Number*
 And your *Medicare Card*
 And your *MasterCard* details on *eBay*
 And customer reference number on *BPay*
 And the use of your biometric on arriving into the U.S.A.

Privacy is something we've lost.
 Security is something we've gained.

Syntax and Semantics

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main routine
  class CREATION inherit
    EARTH redefine Heaven end
    rename Heaven as Panopticon
  feature
    balance: INTEGER;
    owner: PERSON;
    controller: COMPUTER;
    answer: BOOLEAN
  require
    to put_right
  include
    "commands";
  exclude
    "reason";
  adapt
  export
  ensure
    {
      print "Eiffel is awful!"
    }
  end; -- creation
end main routine

  feature {owner} -- controller
  do
    for x = answer;
      print "Hello World."
    next
  end -- controller

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if "random number" = balance;  
  then print "That's right."  
  else print "That's wrong."  
end -- controller
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Run {away}.

The Anomaly

I consider that which is good
Yet is so unloved by the world
I consider that which nourishes the soul
And is rejected and discarded
I consider that which grants life
And is subjected to denial
I consider that which is merciful
And is hated for its patience
I consider that which is breath
And is persecuted because it is truth
I consider that which is compassionate
And is wounded for its warmth

And pray that the undercurrents of this time
Be revealed to this passing generation.

On Charter

The old man
Had a bizarre custom
Of walking the open streets
With his umbrella held high
Above his head –

I often wondered if it was
A means of protection
Against the harmful forces of
 UV rays,
 Or an outward plea
 Urging the winds
 To swiftly swoop him up
 Towards the source
 of changing weather.

M.G. MICHAEL

M.G. Michael was born in 1961 in Sydney, and is the son of a Greek-Cypriot father and Greek mother. He spent the early years of his childhood in his parent's popular milkbar, the *Reno Café*, located in the inner-city suburb of Newtown. The family moved residence in the late 60s and Michael attended Kingsgrove North High School, where he did very well in Rugby League (making his first appearance in the school's First Grade team when he was still in Year 9). After completing his HSC in 1979, he was accepted as a Junior Trainee in the NSW Police Force and graduated from the Bourke Street Police Academy as a probationary constable in 1980. After getting a taste of the service he resigned not long afterwards, preferring to pursue an academic path. He completed a BA (SydUni 1984), BTh (SCD 1990), MTh (SydUni 1991), MA(Hons) (MaqUni 1999), and was awarded his doctorate by the Australian Catholic University in 2003. He is presently an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Wollongong, in the School of Information Systems and Technology. Together with his wife and colleague, Katina Michael, he is the author and editor of a number of widely cited academic publications in the areas of information and communication technologies (ICT) and ethics. Recently, a term he coined to describe the trajectory of humancentric implantable surveillance technology, "uberveillance", was included in the 5th edition of the *Macquarie Dictionary* (2009). Michael's poetry has previously been published in a number of literary journals and anthologies, including *Southerly*, *Westerly*, *Ulitarra*, *Studio* and *Five Bells*, and his essays have appeared in *Quadrant* magazine.